Setting up of regional drug testing laboratories

95. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up Regional Drug Testing Laboratories in one of the Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such laboratory is proposed to be set at Hyderabad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is a proposal to set up a Regional Drug Testing Laboratory at Hyderabad for which the Government of Andhra Pradesh have offered two acres of land.

Assistance of World Bank in Health Projects

96. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approached the World Bank to finance Health Projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any programme meant for implementation in Andhra Pradesh has been sent to the World Bank for financial aid; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and b) The World Bank had sent and exploratory mission to study the feasibility of a possible World Bank loan or a comprehensive programme on National Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control Programme and Upgradation of District Health Systems.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Andhra Pradesh Health System Project for the upgradation of Secondary Level Hospitals was posed to the World Bank and negotiations completed successfully. The total cost of the project is estimated as US$ 158 million out of which the IDA's credit would be US $ 133 million (approximately).

Maternity and Health Care Centres in Andhra Pradesh

97. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Maternity and Health Care Centres functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) the number of such Centres proposed to be opened during 1994-95.

(c) whether any foreign assistance is being provided for these Centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There are 4 maternity hospitals with a bed strength of 236. In addition, maternity and health care are being provided in Andhra Pradesh through 1260 Primary Health Centres, 10568 Sub-Centres and 126 Community Health Centres as well as hospitals.

(b) 3 hospitals will be strengthened during the current year.

(c) and (d) A World Bank project for District Health Systems project for the period 1995—2001 for 133 million US. Dollars (about Rs. 439.00 Crores) has been signed for strengthening maternal and health care services in Andhra Pradesh.